

**MASSES—26th Nov to 3rd Dec 2023**

Sun	26	9.30am	Ken Harris (Spl int)
		11.30am	Mr. & Mrs. Akame & Valentine Akame (RIP) Bernard Alwyn Rodrigues (RIP), Nana Osei Bonsu (B'day) <b>Fr. Jimmy Lutwama (Thanksgiving)</b>
Mon	27	12.00noon	Robert Bradley (RIP)
Tues	28	9.30am	John Almeida, Terry Bennet (RIP) Deceased members of O'Neil family
Wed	29	9.30am	Deceased members of Gillespie family Barbara & Tony Murphy (RIP)
Thurs	30	9.30am	Mary Flanigan (RIP), Mr. & Mrs. Akame & Valentine Akame (RIP)
Fri	01	9.30am	Winifred & William Bachlor (RIP)
Sat	02	9.30am	William & Winifred Busby (RIP), Andrew D'Souza (RIP)
Sun	03	9.30am	Peter Miranda (RIP), Feast of St. Francis Xavier (Goan community)
		11.30am	People of the parish

**Lectors**

**26/11/2023**

9.30am Jean Pearl, Elena (R)  
11.30am Tasha, Ivan (R)

**03/12/2023**

Elizabeth H., Naomi (R)  
Michelle, Attracta (R)

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**26/11/2023**

**9.30am**  
**11.30am**

**03/12/2023**

Ann M. (E)  
Lilian (E)

**Readings—** Ez. 34:11-12, 15-17; 1Cor. 15:20-26,28; Mt. 25: 31-46

**The sick of the Parish:** Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Mary Mulroney, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Chinasa Okosi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch., Lucia Drabik.

**Anniversaries during the week:** John Hughes, Nancy Shanley, John Anthony McAloon, Sean Heavey, John Coyne, Paul Allen, James Williams, Faye Townley, Nora Stacy, Madeline Carey, Ellen Caldwell, Edith Gardner, Gerry Seary, Denis Doran, Rosaleen McAndrew, Thomas Howe, Nora Lucid, Paul Michael May, Elizabeth Reid, Mary O'Brien, John Heavey, Ellen Duffy, Rose Donagher, John Sheridan, Joseph Reid, Theresa Hickey, Francis Moloney, Eamon Lusty, Frank McSorley, Joseph Sheridan.

**Reflect on...** If Christ is really King of my life, he must be King of every part of my life, and I must let him reign in all parts of my life. We become Christ the King's subjects when we sincerely respond to his loving invitation: "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart" (Matthew 11:29). By cultivating in our lives the gentle and humble mind of Christ, we show others that Jesus Christ is in indeed our King and that he is in charge of our lives.



A.J. Mission

Ss. Mary & Benedict RC Church, Coventry



**Parish Newsletter –solemnity of Christ the King—26th Nov to 3rd Dec 2023**

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING**

He is to be king until he has made his enemies his footstool, the last enemy to be destroyed is death (1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 15:25). Today, we acclaim Our Lord Jesus Christ King over all things that are in time and space and therefore ruler over all peoples. This solemnity summarises the mysteries of our faith in the incarnation of the begotten Son of God who is *'true God from true God, Light from Light, begotten not made, and consubstantial with the Father'* (The Creed). He is the one who 'emptied himself taking the form of a slave becoming as all human beings are' (Phil. 2:7). He shared our fragile nature to raise us to share in his divinity (Liturgy). He is the shepherd King who looks for the lost, brings back the stray, bandages the wounded and makes the weak strong (Ez. 34); and he leads all to the kingdom of his Father so that they will have fullness of life (John, 10:10).



Our King is the universal judge, and his verdict will be based on the Law of Love of the neighbours particularly the vulnerable and most needy: the hungry, the thirsty, strangers, the naked, the sick and those in prison (Matthew, 25). This means that his rule is the rule of love and mercy that must prevail in the world but must be made visible through his disciples, in the very life of the Church. This explains how the Church participates in the kingship of Christ, the Universal King. We can also judge the world when we are close to His ideals.

It is fitting that today we celebrate World Youth Sunday, as we encourage our youth to look to Christ the Universal King and seek to make their presence real in our world. We join Pope Francis to pray that the youth in our parish, as in all the world, will daily open their hearts and rejoice in encountering Christ the gentle Shepherd.

As a parish Community, we thank God for the faith of Fr. Jimmy Lutwama, AJ, whose priestly ministry is inspirational. We can testify that he is guided by the specific Charism of the Religious Missionary Institute of the Apostle of Jesus. This invites us to make conscious efforts to imitate the compassionate, active, and joyful zeal of the Heart of Christ for the lost sheep (John, 10:1-21). We are praying that God will sustain him in his new parish: Our Lady of the Angels, Nuneaton.

**THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR A, 2022-2023.**

**St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church**

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Youtube: [st mary and benedict church coventry](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1)

**Donations to the parish :** <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>.

<https://donate.myдона.com/ss-mary-benedict-church>

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**YOU ARE MOST WELCOME** to our Parish Church. If it is your first time here or probably you have been here before, your presence with us at this moment at our community worship is greatly appreciated. Our Parish Church is the second to be built in Coventry after the Protestant Reformation. It was built in 1893, the pews have never moved since then! Our Musical Pipe Organ was inaugurated in 1898, it was the best of its kind at the time. Our Parish has had eleven Parish priests since 1889, the present one being a Religious Missionary from the Institute of Apostles of Jesus in Uganda. Our Parish welcomes and promotes the initiatives by everyone to build up and sustain of our faith community.

**Parish Development**

**19/11/23:** Gift Aid : £ 163.10 Dona: £ 145.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 332.82 Total: £ 640.92

SO (Nov) : £ Second collection : May God bless you all.

**2nd collections :** 26/11/2023— Catholic youth Service; 10/12/23 - Poor parishes

**Bonus Ball :** No. 28 Jasmine Darrock

**Mass Attendance :** 396

**Choir practice :** Fri— 7.30pm

**Church cleaning:** 7.30am

**Confessions:** Saturday— 10.10–11.00am (& by appointment)

**Pious Devotions :** Divine Mercy - Last Thursday of every month at 6.00pm

**Legion of Mary:** Meet every Sunday after 11.30am Mass

**SAFEGUARDING**

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Perpetua Sam & Asipita Iroko. They can be contacted at: [sg.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmary-stbenedict.covty@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**THANK YOU, FR. JIMMY FOR BEING CHRIST FOR US**

**May God Bless you all the days to come.**



**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Solemnity of Christ the Universal King:** Today, we are celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the universal King. Let us allow Christ the Shepherd-king to take over our hearts and reign steadily in our lives. Let God take first place and rest will follow: “Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all things will be given to you (Mat 6: 33).”

**World Youth Sunday:** This observance was established by Pope John Paul II in 1985; it was originally celebrated on Palm Sunday, but in late 2020, Pope Francis moved it to the Sunday of the Feast of Christ the King. Let us offer our prayers for our young people and support them in their faith in Christ.

**The Youth Met Last Sunday:** Thanks to all the young people who spared time for their meeting. Their discussions came up with resolutions that are to bear much fruit for the parish.

**Wednesday, 29th November, 9.30am:** We shall offer the Holy Mass for the eternal reward of our departed relatives, friends, and particularly member of our parish community.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS THE BEGINNING OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR B, 2023-2024.** There will be ceremonies for the **Blessing of the Christmas Crib in Coventry** near the Godiva Statue 4.00pm. You are all welcome.

**Walk with Me 2023: Advent Booklet, A Journal of Faith for Advent 2023** are available at 1£ per copy. Kindly pick one or more booklet which could be a wonderful resource to give to relatives, friends and work colleagues who are interested in discovering the true meaning of Christmas.

**Christmas Bazaar:** Sunday 9th December at 1.00pm in the parish hall. Please invite your friends and neighbours to come to this event. Your support for this fund raising is greatly appreciated. I would like to thank the parishioners who have sponsored the raffle prizes. May God bless you. Bottles, bric-a-brac items, food hamper items and cash donations are welcome. Kindly bring back the stubs which we shall draw to get the prize winners. **Next Sunday the Second Collection will go towards the Christmas Bazaar.** Thanks for your co-operation.

**Catholic women Association (CWA)** Cameroon Chapter is celebrating their feast day on 8th December Feast of Immaculate Conception. On this day the members renew their vows as ‘foot soldiers’ of Mary Mother of God and Mother of the Church. In our parish the celebration will take place on Sunday 10th December at 11.30am Mass. The members are inviting the parishioners to join them to celebrate their feast day in the parish hall after Mass.

**LEGION OF MARY RECOGNITION AND COMMITMENT:** Sunday 10th December, at the 11.30 Mass. The members of the Association will renew their commitment.

**Christmas Concert:** On Thursday, 16th December 2023; Time 5.00 to 8.00pm. You are all are welcome to this spiritual, moral, and intellectual preparation for Christmas.

**Banns of Marriage:** John Njenga Nganga of 19 Bulkington Road, Bedworth, son James Nganga & Hannah Warigia of Gichocho Village Kiambu county- Kenya, would like to marry Jacqline Njeri Kimani of 19 Bulkington Road, Bedworth, daughter of George Kimani & Rose Njeri of Ndumberi village, Kiambu County, Kenya. The marriage will take place at the Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic parish, Ridge ways, Kiambu, Kenya. If anybody knows why they should not get married to each other, contact the parish priest.